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Victoria blasted

ALL STATES UP IN ARMS OVER AUS. CUP

— By PAUL DEAN —

The fate of the Australia Cup is in the uncertain and unsavoury lap of Victoria, fast acquiring a reputation as the most mischievous, egocentric and parochial organisation soccer in Australia has ever been cursed with.

Last weekend at the annual general meeting in Brisbane a pitched battle between the mid-Victorians and the other States failed to settle the issue.

The Victorian delegates still claim that the Executive decision of January setting out details for the Cup were meant for 1969, not for 1968.

Using an innocent typographical error in the

minutes as their only excuse, the Victorian delegates are quite prepared to cheerfully kill the Cup to suit their selfish, petty interests.

All other States in Australia are in favor of the Cup being held, as decided by the Executive — except Victoria.

They say that they have

"no way of determining"

who should compete in 1968.

How all the other States managed to make such determination in time and why Victoria didn't bother is another story.

The three Victorian delegates were given until March 4 to report back to their clubs and then notify the ASF of their decision about the Cup.

Should Victoria still vote against the Cup being held, the ASF is likely to resort to tough action.

One alternative is that the ASF will simply invite Victorian clubs to nominate for the Cup — without the consent of the Victorian Federation.

If any of these nominating clubs is disciplined by the Victorian Federation, the ASF may be forced to take the most drastic action possible — suspend the entire Victorian Federation.

Another alternative is — and there is a growing support for this — to run this year's Australia Cup entirely without Victorian participants.

This would cause little hardship for the others as only one or two Melbourne clubs have any sizeable support anyhow.

Whatever decision is finally taken, the Victorians have already created havoc.

Because of this totally unexpected stand by Victoria, the start of the Australia Cup is likely to be put back by about a month, to April.

Most Sydney clubs are up in arms about this incredible attitude of Victoria.

Said one Sydney club president:

"I wonder if the recently proclaimed aim of the NSW Federation, that of establishing friendly, good relations with Victoria can ever be achieved.

"They are so insanely antagonistic to NSW that they seek to block every move which is supported by us.

"So far it was always NSW which had to lean over backwards to please and placate Victoria.

"We did this last year in the Cup, even to the extent of giving them the final.

"But now we've had enough. The Victorians obviously regard the relationship as a one-sided love affair in which NSW has to make all the concessions while Victoria, like a peevish child, gets its own way.

"Personally I don't give a damn whether they compete in the Cup.

"If they don't, it's only their loss; we'll have no trouble to fill their places."



ALAN MARNOCH and BRIAN SMITH vying for possession last Sunday.

Brisbane meet was total waste of time

Last week's ASF annual general meeting at Brisbane, followed by an executive meeting, was one of the most unsuccessful and negative on record.

Much of the time was spent on haggling how to re-distribute the ASF Council votes among the States.

Proving our theory that the ASF is nothing more than a market place to bargain and horse-trade for State interests, the meeting hardly mentioned soccer at all.

BLOC VOTE

And whenever the subject of the game of soccer did crop up, there was always someone suggesting a deferral because of "lack of time".

This is how the various issues were dealt with:

VOTING RIGHTS:

It remains the same, that is, NSW and Victoria between them having six votes and the other States 11, continuing the paradox whereby major decisions affecting Australian soccer are made by the small, at times almost insignificantly small States.

MERDEKA TOURNAMENT: — Western Australia — using the well-oiled bloc voting machine — managed to reverse January's Executive decision and gained permission to compete in the tournament.

NAPOLI TOUR: — No decision because of fresh financial demands by Napoli and lack of "sponsors". The possibility of inviting Napoli unsponsored or inviting another team through available channels did not arise.

OVERSEAS TOUR: — Although no firm decision was made, there wasn't any

firm plan or submission indicating that an Australian team will play anywhere overseas this year.

NATIONAL TEAM: — Despite the Australian Coaches Federation being represented and a detailed plan previously submitted to the ASF, there wasn't even any discussion on this subject: "lack of time" being the excuse. Now a sub-committee will meet soon, at extra cost, to look at the plans the AGM should have made but couldn't be bothered. However, to show their "interest" in the subject, the AGM slashed the national team budget from \$15,000 to \$10,000 a year.

WA wants Rhodesians

The Western Australian Federation has applied to stage the Australia v. Rhodesia World Cup elimination match in Perth.

Should the Rhodesians decide not to withdraw, Perth would be an ideal venue for the match because of its geographical position.

Rhodesia's participation in the Asian-Oceania World Cup group is, however, still in doubt following the Asian Confederation's protest to FIFA about the arbitrary inclusion of a black-listed African nation in the group.

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Pre-season games at Tempe

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Lane Cove, Marrickville, Earlwood and Enmore are playing a pre-season competition each Sunday during March at Mackey Park, Tempe.

Lane Cove are from Federation Second Division, Marrickville and Enmore from Inter Suburban League, and Earlwood, the Canterbury club, were the amateur champions of champion all-age team of Sydney.

Enmore gained a 4-4 draw in a recent trial against the club promoted to Federation Second Division, North Sydney Inter.

The draw was gained without the services of star forward Pikula, who returned to Greece to see his family.

Club officials hope he will be back in Sydney for the premiership.

Another handy forward, Gatis, returned recently from a trip to Darwin.

Marrickville, one of Sydney's strongest amateur units, have conducted a wide search for promising players.

Secretary Tom Sanders has five new men, three of whom have proved goal-scoring ability in this class of football.

More finish in the forwards could make Marrickville the amateur team to watch in Inter Suburban First Division.

Night training has been going on since late January.

ST. GEORGE EXPANDS

St. George Association this year will field 200 teams for the first time ever.

Entries actually are bound to reach 220 teams, which is a far cry from the 1956 figure of 34 teams.

No wonder other codes are really concerned about soccer's increasing attraction for the youth of the State.

All club entries to date show a big increase on 1967.

Peakhurst has increased by six teams to 36 teams, making it one of Sydney's biggest junior soccer clubs.

Three clubs drawing players from the Forest Road jointly field 76 teams.

Entries from Arncliffe RSL, Forest Rangers, Lugarno-Peakhurst are all ahead of last year with final entries from big clubs such as Sans Souci still to come.

New clubs have entered strongly from Penshurst and Connells Point, and Arncliffe Scots will also be well represented.

Rockdale Youth Centre club is countering efforts by one code to deprive them of McCarthy Reserve, Bay Street.

The club has spent \$2,000 on ground improvements, and has no intention of being muscled out.

Fortunately for the Saints, a big increase in cadet referees will enable them to handle the 110 Saturday matches each week.

Progress is being made on every front.

The under 14, 15 and 16 St. George District representative teams will be decked out in new sets of red and white vertically striped shirts.

St. George-Budapest have presented each represen-

tative team with a new football.

The under 13 St. George side will go to Gunnedah in May to defend the Park-Howard Trophy.

St. George held the cup against a challenge from Muswellbrook last year.

Previous cup matches have been played against Canberra and Lismore, which shows how far the Saints go to foster the game.

Last year three teams played in Muswellbrook.

This year the team which does best in representative games will enjoy a week's tour to the country.

Don't be surprised if St. George turns up in Armidale this year.

Federation referee Wayne Mason is an Armidale product, and a St. George man by adoption.

He aims to see St. George visit the Armidale district, which under the leadership of president Howard Wheaton, is roaring ahead.

St. George's primary schools development scheme is a model for all districts.

The Association matches each \$10 club donation, which means that secretary Sid Tanner so far this year has \$200 worth of footballs to hand over to the St. George PSAAA soccer committee.

The schools run three grades of primary soccer—senior, juvenile and junior.

One of the best features is that under 16 representatives are again moving into St. George-Budapest's third team, which will give the senior club and the amateurs an even greater sense of purpose.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

NEIL INNES, Thistle goalkeeper (ex-Bankstown), was awarded the military medal for bravery in Vietnam. Innes, a sapper with the First Field Squadron since 1966, was cited for rescuing two wounded American gunners from a minefield. Innes, by his immediate and courageous action, prevented the detonation of a second mine and his swift marking of a safe lane made possible the evacuation of the wounded.

Canterbury are without news of the three GREEK PLAYERS supposed to join them immediately. They are anxiously waiting to hear from their club official presently in Greece.

Meanwhile, the University of NSW club is conducting trials, although many players are just returning to Sydney from their country homes.

Greater numbers than ever of 'varsity players are turning out.

The Inter-Varsity Australian Championship this year will be played in Tasmania.

Preliminary thought is being given to a Inter-Varsity competition taking in Sydney, and perhaps Wollongong College and Newcastle University.

Details will be discussed during the year, when the feasibility will be fully explored.

Meanwhile, secretary Bill Jamieson says Wales has little to fear.

Two players so far enrolled bear the illustrious names of Bobby and Jackie Charlton.

Our special tip for the year then must be University of New South Wales for the Inter Suburban First Division.

Night training has been going on since late January.

may soon accept a top executive position with a leading St. George forward, again re-signed by the start of the competition.

FRANK MCOLGAN, the CLARKE and JAMISON, re-signed by the start of the competition.

R. Grey, president, T. Petersen, senior vice-president and J. Fell, junior vice-president, were unopposed at the CANTERBURY and District Association's Annual General Meeting a fortnight ago. The Management Committee comprises of G. Schomberg, R. Shelton, J. Coates, A. Eagles, J. Greenhill, A. Harvey, J. Croft, N. Erickson and Mrs Y. Hawkins, the latter the first woman ever to be elected in such a capacity. Mrs Hawkins is a qualified coach, team manager and a member of the Punchbowl club.

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**Papuans
play Sat.
in Sydney**

Few changes are expected in the Papua-New Guinea and Combined Second Division teams at Redfern Oval tonight (Wednesday).

Matthew Raka, who scored a goal for the visitors last Saturday, will be replaced by the only European in the touring side, H. Martinaze, because he sustained a foot injury at Corrima.

The local XI combined so well in the first match that no changes are expected Wednesday.

However, on Saturday, when the teams clash for the third time at Arlington Oval (3 p.m.), selector-coach Joe Marston may make changes to give most of his squad a run against the colorful visitors.

The Papua-New Guinea side should give a much improved display in their last two games now that they've somewhat settled down.

So how about turning up in appreciable numbers at Arlington. The visitors are sure to please with their all-action, imaginative football.

— C. Spiteri.

Will the Saints go marching on this year — or will they suffer a decline following one of their most successful seasons?

Last year they did very well by winning the Ampol Cup, finishing second in the premiership and then winning the Grand Final.

From their team of 1967, only two will be missing: Isaac, who returned to Argentina and McColgan who is likely to go back to Scotland.

Stegbauer will be here soon to rejoin his team — whether at fullback or on the wing, is up to coach Hegyes to decide.

They have also acquired new players: young goalkeeper Hopkins from Auburn and the two veteran ex-Budapest stars, Galambos and Schauman who have returned to the fold.

Actually, player-wise, the Saints won't be worse off than last year.

Haffey and Hopkins in goal may alternate with the future belonging to young Hopkins; Haffey is likely to return to Scotland at the end of the year anyway.

For the fullback positions they have Sandell — successfully switched from the forward line — Taylor, Morgan, Hillary and perhaps Stegbauer.

The wing half pair of Schaefer-Zuckerman, when in form, should pose no problems — but should one of them drop out through injury, the Saints could be

in trouble as there is no suitable replacement for them.

The forward quintet of Galambos, Cliss, Warren, Fernandez and Schauman reads like a soccer who's who — full of talent, bulging with potential goals.

This is a luxury no team can afford — and therein lies the biggest danger for the Saints.

If Schauman, Cliss and Galambos blend into the quintet and all pull their weight, this forward line could be the best in Sydney.

But if some decide to assume star attitudes, waiting for the others to lay on the chances, disappointment could be the result.

In McCue, Piggott and Burton the Saints have three very talented young

forwards and all may get their chance during the year.

Structurally the club is very strong indeed; possibly the strongest in Sydney.

With a prospering social club right behind them, St. George-Budapest no longer rely on the periodical "donations" of members to keep going.

Intelligently used, this healthy economical background should ensure them success for years to come.



Coach Laurie Hegyes

National team plan—a myth?

Everybody connected with the Australian national team is pumping for a systematic, thorough method of preparation in future.

However, the emphasis seems to be on the word "future." Almost three months have passed since the team has returned from Asia and nothing has happened to indicate that we may yet switch from the haphazard to the methodical.

Nothing, that is, except for a number of reports submitted to the ASF by officials who were on tour.

It's interesting to see what their reports say.

They all seem to agree on the need for building up a strong national team.

Here are some excerpts:

John Barclay, tour co-manager:

"It is suggested that the system of selection and training be continued immediately . . .

"It is further recommended that the national squad assemble at least once every two months for a period of three days of training under the national coach . . .

Jim Connell, tour co-manager:

"I recommend that the selection panel, in co-operation with coach Joe Vlasits, should analyse the national squad with the experience of the tour behind them and recommend that 22 players form a training squad.

Regular training

"The Asian tour squad contained the basis of a very good team and we should build on this nucleus immediately with a view to World Cup participation.

"The national squad should be brought together for short periods (i.e. three days) at regular intervals and matches planned to enable the squad to blend as a team . . .

"Not only must the squad train regularly, it must play regularly."

Joe Vlasits, coach:

"Plans (for future tours) should be laid at least one year in advance and the squad should come together at least every six weeks for three full days training, Mondays to Wednesdays.

"Coaching camps should be held twice yearly."

Amen, you could say. The reports are good, intelligent and constructive, the recommendations all worthwhile.

But here we are at the start of March with international commitments coming up left and right — and nothing is happening.

Actually, the sad truth is that their reports are neither new nor unusual.

We saw similar reports submitted after the 1965 Asian tour and others, from time to time.

But the only purpose they seem to have served was to further fill the cabinets of the ASF office.

Will the ASF act this time or have all these brave words been wasted once again?

...OR SO THEY SAY

"The East German national team is interested to tour Australia. The fastest improving soccer nation in Europe, East Germany would be an ideal 'sparring partner' for Australia before our World Cup elimination ties."

(Soccer World, Feb. 16).

"East Germany's national soccer team is interested in making a tour of Australia. An approach has come from the Deutscher Fussballverband which stands for the German Democratic Republic's Soccer Association. East Germany is regarded as the most improved soccer nation in Europe. Matches against East Germany would be an ideal way for Australia's national team to prepare for the coming World Cup qualifying matches."

(T. Smith, The Australian, Feb. 21).

"Whatever happens, Australia must be represented at the 1968 Merdeka Tournament, and by the best side possible."

(Sun, Feb. 20).

"Darcy, an Irishman, has been associated with many clubs in Australia and has been the liaison officer to many touring overseas teams".

(John Nowak, Mirror, Feb. 20).

"It is generally agreed that Sir William has been a first-class president, and any attempts to ease him out must be prompted by a regrettable resurgence of interstate rivalry."

(Sun, Feb. 22).

"South Sydney Croatia and Melita Eagles Newtown are both exasperating. If either one of them really clicks at the Showground tonight they could win by a margin which would give a computer a headache."

(Hotspur, Mirror, Feb. 23).

"Before last season's Grand Final, I warned APIA about old father time catching up on their players. At Wentworth Park last weekend APIA fielded six or seven players who could be called 'thirtyish,' so it seems the warning went unheeded."

(Sun, Feb. 23).

"What a waste of a nice night — 80 minutes spent watching cwt's of blubber blundering, mostly blindly, about Brookie Oval." That's what our charmer Sid Barnes had to say after watching the opening game of the 1968 Rugby League pre-season last night."

(Sun, Feb. 23).

"As far as it is in my power I can assure you, no matter what the problems, we will have a top European club side out here and a national side as well."

(Sir William Walkley, in the Mirror, Feb. 23).

"Pan Hellenic and Hakoah will meet in one of the most crucial matches of the Ampol Cup at Wentworth Park this afternoon. The early match today is between St. George-Budapest and Hakoah Eastern Suburbs."

(Sun-Herald, Feb. 25).

Aiming for business?



Karl Jaros in his heyday, wearing Prague's colors.

WORLD-CLASS GOALS END RECORD OF HELLENIC

Last week's Ampol Cup round-robin matches produced no startling results though Yugal's 2-2 draw with St. George and Canterbury's narrow 2-3 defeat against APIA could be qualified as mild surprises — both predicted by us.

APIA consolidated their top position in Group "A", but they've played one match more than Croatia, Prague and Canterbury, the other semifinal contenders. The same position occurs in the other group where Pan Hellenic still retain the

lead despite last Sunday's 0-2 loss to Hakoah.

Hakoah and St. George, however, have played one game less, making Hakoah the virtual group leader and only unbeaten team in the series.

Last weekend's reports:

Last Friday:

APIA narrowly

Last Friday night's double-header ended sensationally with Canterbury again providing the excitement when they scored two quick goals in the last four minutes of their match against APIA.

APIA's superiority, however, was never in doubt, but the small crowd was grateful to the Berries for providing just about the only thrilling minutes of an otherwise rather dull evening.

In the early match, Croatia kept their semifinal hopes alive with a predictable one-goal win over the unproductive Melita Eagles.

Croatia v.

Melita Eagles 1-0

Despite their defeat, Melita Eagles played better, but their forwards again squandered many gilt-edged chances.

They were even unable to convert a penalty when Corry, back at his brilliant best, saved Cilia's spot-kick in the first half.

But Croatia's win, however narrow, was not usurped.

Considering they fielded four teenagers in their attack, they did remarkably well to hold out as they did.

Even more surprising and encouraging was the fact that their inexperienced forward-line, expertly marshalled by play-maker Giles, produced many dangerous moves, especially from fast, incisive breakaways.

Croatia's defence, however, played as usual the bigger part in victory.

Corry, Lincoln, Shepherd, Sloan, Curry and Wright, who showed up better in his second Sydney appearance, had their hands full against a much more enterprising Melita attack.

Melita Eagles were unlucky last Friday.

Apart from missing the penalty, two "certain" goals were foiled by the wood-work.

Melita should have led at halftime because their forwards got on top almost immediately after young Brian had put Croatia in the lead in the fifth minute.

Lack of a crack goalscorer was evident in both teams, whose forward moves were cleverly, at times brilliantly, mounted, but always fell down within scoring range.

The lack of punch in both forward-lines didn't make for much excitement as most of the play centred midfield.

The second half, in particular, was colorless, Melita having spent their attacking energies in the first 35 minutes, and Croatia content to hang on to their slim, but ever so vital, lead.

The best players: Corry, Shepherd, Curry, Giles, Frakes, Sloan and Brian for the winners, in that order, and Eaton, De Bruin, Cilia, Hewlett and young Quested for Melita.

New Zealand international, Nemet, after a

overwhelming loss into a most respectable defeat.

APIA almost paid the penalty for relaxing foolishly in the dying stages, but APIA, on last Friday's display can face the future with more confidence.

They confirmed the improvement shown in the second half against Manly, and must now rate as a strong possibility to take out the Ampol Cup.

Keddie, who easily played his best match since joining APIA, Taylor, Ackerley, truly in rare form at this early stage of the season, Bottalico and Blue were APIA's most useful players.

In Canterbury, who could teach most teams a thing or two in converting desperate defence into attack

and scoring goals, goalie Demopoulos was way out in front, but Galbraith, Whitehead, Romanos, Hardy and Hood also excelled.

APIA: Taylor; Nuttall, Ackerley, Hughes, Van Blerk, Bottalico; Keddie, Campbell, Blue, Giacometti, McKinnon.

Canterbury: Demopoulos; Dougan, Gordon; Galbraith, Whitehead, Romanos, Como, Kauz, Hardy, Hood, Paxinos.

Scorers: Giacometti 20 min., Keddie 30 min., McKinnon 57 min. for APIA; Hardy 66 min. and Como 69 min. for Canterbury.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Crowd: 2,382 (double-header).

— Lou Gautier

ions; when the erratic forwards were right on target, they were frustrated by a brilliant Fuzes, gradually re-emerging as Sydney's top custodian.

Pan Hellenic might have committed the blunder of dashing around too much in the first half, chasing every half chance — and eventually tiring themselves to the bone.

The Hakoah defence looked impregnable, all turning in excellent displays.

However, even among these it was easy to pick out the brilliant Marnoch, standing his ground as an extremely fast, agile and mobile rock.

The Hakoah forwards, apart from their few individual efforts, disappointed.

Barnett and Jones hardly put a foot right and one had the inescapable feeling that this quintet badly missed the thoughtful, scheming Atoua, away ill.

It is possible that without these fine solo goals, Pan Hellenic would have been able to turn the tables, as they attacked more, had a bigger share of the ball and

AMPOL TABLES GROUP "A"

APIA	4	3	—	1	8	4	44
Prague	3	2	—	1	5	2	29
Croatia	3	2	—	1	4	3	28
Canterbury	3	1	1	1	7	7	24
Melita E.	4	1	—	3	3	7	15
Manly	3	—	1	2	3	8	8

GROUP "B"

P. Hellenic	4	3	—	1	9	2	45
Hakoah	3	3	—	—	7	1	43
Yugal	4	1	2	1	4	6	26
St. George	3	1	1	1	5	4	23
Polonia	3	—	1	2	—	6	5
SCU	3	—	—	3	—	6	0

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in the forward line even showed more cohesion than Hakoah.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Stewart, Hillsdon; Gardiner, Marnoch, Yaager, Edmunds, Fekete, Barnett, Baartz, Jones.

Pan Hellenic: Clarke; Johnston, Hignett; Westwater, Mallard, Omeros; Smith, Karyannis (Byles), McCulloch, Laraman, Blitz.

Scorers: Edmunds 28 min., Baartz 33 min.

Referee: K. Lockrey.

Crowd: 6,330 (double-header).

— Paul Dean

Last Sunday:

Sinning Saints

In near heatwave conditions, the struggling St. George had to be well content with a draw against Yugal.

One of the most hotly disputed penalties in recent years enabled them to draw what, for long periods, looked like a losing proposition.

In the late game, Hakoah outwitted Pan Hellenic to win; letting their opponents run to their heart's desire, Hakoah gained ascendancy as the match progressed.

The season's biggest crowd — 6,330 — watched the double-header.

Yugal v.

St. George 2-2

Cup holders St. George lived to fight another day against under-rated Yugal — thanks to a questionable penalty.

Still searching for their old cohesion and poise, Saints made desperately hard work of holding an opponent with only one dangerous forward, Alagich.

Now faced with the task of defeating both South Coast and Pan Hellenic to qualify for the semifinals, St. George will have to improve considerably if they are to retain the trophy.

Yugal, however, have little reason to grumble at their ill-luck.

Had they accepted the chances which presented themselves in the first 15 minutes, with the Saints' defence reeling, it would have taken more than a penalty to allow the latter back into the game.

Chief squanderer of chances was Yugal's tall centre-half-cum-forward, Halpin. He must still be wondering how he contrived to shoot straight into Haffey's hands in the 10th minute; a source of wonder to Haffey, too, no doubt.

Having squirmed off the hook, Saints, for a time, played soccer which, if not up to their old standard, was good enough to equalise.

After a goal mouth scramble, in which goodness knows how many Yugal legs flailed wildly at the ball, Galambos squeezed it into the net.

Alagich's second goal, catching Haffey moving in about three different directions, seemed enough to give Yugal the major end of the spoils.

Then, as the song goes, along came Buchanan (not Joe!).

Overall, Saints' officials must still be concerned at the team's form, but there was one very heartening feature.

Fernandez, apparently keener than for many moons, set an example to his team mates with a non-stop display of fetching and carrying.

In the Yugal side, Alagich was undoubtedly the star. His first goal, when he outpaced the entire St. George defence, was a magnificent effort.

Others to shine were the still vastly under-rated Rafaneli and Stosich, who had a sterling duel midfield with Schaefer and Zuckerman.

St. George: Haffey; Taylor, Hillary, Schaefer, Morgan Zuckerman, Galambos, Ciss, Warren, Fernandez, Schauman.

Yugal: Ljubic; Nacinovic, Crnic, Stosich, Banicevic, Rafaneli, Alagich, Bobic, Halpin, Edwards, Paganin.

Scorers: Alagich 2 and 47 min. for Yugal; Galambos 23, Zuckerman (pen.) 60 for St. George.

Referee: M. Buchanan.

— Alan Speers

Hakoah v.

Pan Hellenic 2-0

Two individually inspired and executed goals were the only tangible difference between these teams.

One was the result of a remarkable solo dash by Edmunds, cutting in and out till he was in the gaping goal mouth from where he aptly crowned his movement with a fine goal.

The second was the work of Baartz — otherwise quiet all afternoon — who, with enviable agility, lifted the ball over the heads of two onrushing defenders before whacking it in from an acute angle.

Pan Hellenic were desperately unlucky not to score on quite a few occasions.

RESULTS TABLES

GROUP		GROUP					
"A"		APIA	Canterbury	Croatia	Manly	Prague	Melita Eagles
Hakoah	●	3-2	2-0	2-0	1-2	2-0	2-0
Canterbury	2-3	●	3-2	2-2	—	—	—
Croatia	2-3	●	—	—	1-0	1-0	1-0
Manly	0-2	2-2	—	●	—	1-3	1-3
Prague	2-1	—	0-1	●	—	3-0	3-0
Melita Eagles	0-2	—	0-1	3-1	0-3	●	●

GROUP		GROUP					
"B"		Hakoah	Pan Hellenic	St. George	South Coast	Yugal	

DEFEAT MAY BE COSTLY FOR PRAGUE OR CROATIA

— By LOU GAUTIER —

All four matches on the Ampol Cup program this weekend will have a vital bearing on the semifinal prospects of the competing teams.

The fight in both groups for the semifinal places is still fairly open.

In Group A the current leaders, APIA may still miss out — if they lose to Croatia and if Prague win their remaining two ties against Canterbury and Manly.

Even Canterbury's position is not yet hopeless — provided they beat Prague and Melita in which case they can accompany either APIA or Croatia into the semis.

In Group B Hakoah are in the box seat with two games to play — both of which they should win.

The decider could be the Pan Hellenic v. St. George tie — provided the Saints take the South Coast hurdle on Friday night.

Yugal's position is rather hopeless; in order to qualify they would have to beat Hakoah 4-0, hope that Polonia also beat Hakoah to nil and that Pan Hellenic defeat St. George comfortably.

Our previews:

St. George v. South Coast

Saints' form has been such this season that they can't even be certain of defeating South Coast on Friday evening.

But win they must if they are to stay in the race for the semifinals.

South Coast, of course, have nothing at stake: they lost three straight matches and still haven't scored a goal.

If Jim Kelly was at Wentworth Park last Sunday he would have had good reason to feel confident that United's goal drought might end this week.

St. George's defence was abnormally shaky against Yugal, and was torn to shreds on many occasions through the sheer speed of Alagich, and, to a lesser extent, Edwards.

South Coast's only redeeming feature at this stage in attack being the speed of their young forwards, it seems likely that the provincials may at long last notch their first point of the series.

Not that we think Saints will lose, but South Coast should be able to put at least one at the back of Haffey's net.

Fernandez, now at the peak of his form, is the one man on whose shoulders Saints' hopes rest.

Though Galambos and Schauman showed slight improvement against Yugal, they still have a long way to go before they justify their much-debated transfers.

With Warren and Cliss obviously out of condition, and the defence, without a single exception, completely out of touch, Saints will have to fight hard for victory, but should win narrowly.

Hakoah v. Polonia

Polonia, also chasing their first goal of the season, come up against Sydney's most formidable defence.

Their prospects of scoring a goal, let alone winning, are remote.

It would take a startling reversal of form for Hakoah not to win comfortably, with a couple of goals to spare, if not more.

Hakoah, mind you, were not all that impressive last week when their attack let them down against Pan Hellenic.

Barnett's total breakdown — he messed up every ball — and the mediocrity of winger Jones disrupted the entire forward-line, which had to rely on two world-class individual efforts to finish in front.

Hakoah's defence, however, was as faultless as ever, with Marnoch again earning unanimous praise for his imperial display at centre-half.

Australia's best stopper, supported by an exceptionally balanced defence, without the slightest weakness, shouldn't find Polonia's timid forward-line hard to subdue.

Unbelievable as it may sound, Polonia never looked like scoring in any of their three matches to date.

Their defence, except in George, has been sound, but the first game against St. the forward-line urgency requires fresh, young talent.

How Polonia could do with a Ray Baartz!

This same Baartz who will be their greatest threat on Friday if his consistent goal-scoring is any indication.

After the tenacious, hard-tackling of the Pan Hellenic defence, Hakoah should relish the much slower pace of Polonia and win comfortably.

Canterbury v. Prague

A real Cup-tie in perspective here as defeat would kill the semifinal chances of the loser.

Canterbury, the surprise team of the series, will take the field without the slightest complex though most people will again rate them as the underdogs.

This tag apparently suits them fine because so far they have shown scant regard for the reputation of their opponents as Croatia found out, and APIA nearly did last week.

Canterbury's team is ideally suited for cup football where the slightest half-chance often means the difference between victory and defeat.

The Berries will adopt the same tactics which nearly paid off against APIA: a massed defence, alternating with attacking sorties by their halves, Galbraith and Romanos, and rapid breakaways by Hardy, Hood and the wingers.

Prague will have to be on their guard throughout the match.

They won't be able to leave their rearguard undefended, however crushing their territorial advantage.

But we doubt whether Venglos, an attentive observer at all cup matches, will allow this to happen.

He has Prague in tip-top shape, both physically and tactically.

Prague's main task will be to keep Gerry Hood under close surveillance, even if it means that one player does little else.

Prague's faultless defensive display against Melita Eagles two weeks ago suggests they should be equal to the task of securing a firm grip in the midfield.

In attack the scoring ability of Englishman Thorne and Manuel, the finesse of Gauto and Hoggart and Scheinflug's defence-splitting passes should carry the day though Canterbury can be expected to fight till the final whistle as always.

Manly v. Croatia

The youngest forward-lines in Sydney will make this match a true festival of youth.

Of the 10 forwards on view, only one — Ron Giles — is an experienced player with an established record.

The others are very young prospects, some of whom already showing above average potential.

Croatia's bold youth policy in attack has paid off so far, and everything points to another Croatia victory on Sunday afternoon.

Their defence, one of the best in the business, should be untroubled to hold the Manly attack, and their forward-line also have an edge on their opponents because in Giles they have the playmaker Manly sadly lack.

In Yaager, Barboutis, Frakes and Brian, Croatia have exciting prospects who have performed creditably all through the series to date.

In contrast to Manly's forwards, Croatia's young attackers are not afraid to try their luck at goal and will shoot whenever possible.

Shooting is Manly's biggest failing: their forwards appear to lose all confidence once they're in a scoring position.

Against Croatia's disciplined, highly organised defence, they may, however, be hard pressed to get even close to Corry's goal, let alone score.

It's on the cards that Croatia will notch their third 1-0 win, but this time they could score more if Manly again run out of steam in the last 25 minutes.

— Lou Gautier



Yugal's Ljubic in action last week.

PROBABLE TEAMS

SOUTH COAST v. ST GEORGE

RAMAGE	1	HAFFEY
RINGLAND	2	SANDELL
AKERS	3	HILLARY
KELLY	4	SCHAEFER
CARR	5	MORGAN
DAVIES	6	ZUCKERMAN
BEATTIE	7	GALAMBOS
ALSTON	8	CLISS
MULQUEENY	9	WARREN
FREEME	10	FERNANDEZ
PATERSON	11	SCHAUMAN

Referee: N. JONES.

HAKOAH v. POLONIA

FUZES	1	DREWNIAK
STEWART	2	ADDISON
HILLSDON	3	SKIBA
GARDINER	4	FILOK
MARNOC	5	DZIALACH
YAAGER	6	KULAK
EDMUND	7	OLIVER
KEDDIE	8	MINOL
BARNETT	9	BAKER
BAARTZ	10	KOMODER
FEKETE	11	URBANIAK

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC.

CANTERBURY v. PRAGUE

DEMOPoulos	1	KING
DOUGAN	2	HARCOMBE
GORDON	3	MOULSON
GALBRAITH	4	BLACKER
WHITEHEAD	5	ROOTSEY
ROMANOS	6	BLANCO
COMO	7	GAUTO
KAUZ	8	MANUEL
HARDY	9	SCHIEFLUG
HOOD	10	THORNE
PAXINOS	11	HOGGART

Referee: A.R. BROWN.

MANLY v. CROATIA

TUINMAN	1	CORRY
McGRATH	2	LINCOLN
BROOKS	3	SLOAN
VERRILLS	4	CURRY
CAMPBELL	5	SHEPHERD
FREEMAN	6	WRIGHT
HUGHES	7	J. YAAGER
HARRIS	8	BARBOUTIS
G. JONES	9	BRIAN
JAGGER	10	GILES
WALLER	11	FRAKES

Referee: G. NAYLOR.

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Cramer's Chinese decoration

FIFA coach, Dettmar Cramer, due in Australia this week, has been awarded a high distinction by the Nationalist Military Academy at Taipah. Cramer received the decoration for services rendered to Chinese youth during his one-month coaching visit to Formosa.

No German tour

According to the French weekly, FRANCE FOOTBALL, the Australian Federation has asked the West German FA to arrange an Australian tour for Munchen 1860, Schalke 04 or Eintracht Frankfurt this winter. ASF secretary Ian McAndrew denied the report this week. A pity, because Munchen 1860 or Eintracht Frankfurt would have delighted Australian crowds. Both are in the top bracket of European clubs.

Bernabeu wants cash

Don Bernabeu Santiago wants no gifts for his 25 years as Real Madrid president in September. "I want hard cash," he said. Bernabeu for the past four years has been raising funds for the construction of Europe's most modern swimming centre, at a stone's throw from the soccer stadium that bears his name.

Arsenal plan new stadium

Arsenal are planning one of the world's most modern, comfortable football grounds. The Gunners want to build a 100,000 capacity stadium, with seating accommodation only. The ground would be situated at Wimbledon. Highbury would still be retained, as an alternate home venue. The project would cost an estimated \$10 million.

"Tag the player" game

The Italian soccer weekly CALCIO ILLUSTRATO has priced the following world stars thus: Pele \$1,750,000, Eusebio \$1,400,000, Beckenbauer \$900,000, Bobby Charlton \$800,000, Best \$750,000, Johnstone \$700,000, Van Himst \$700,000, Asparoukhov \$650,000, Yakimov \$450,000, Farkas \$350,000, Varga \$280,000, Edu \$250,000, Artieme \$250,000, Spencer \$200,000, Marzolini \$200,000 and Rocha 200,000. Hungary's Florian Albert and Spanish and Yugoslav stars were not mentioned in the list.

Italian ban stays

The Italian FA's ban on foreign players will only be lifted on June 30, 1971, it was announced in Rome last week. The FA decided against an earlier date to compel clubs to utilise more young local players. The decision has upset the plans of the big clubs which were expecting the embargo to be lifted early next year. There are 32 foreign players operating in Italy, but all were signed before the ban was enforced. Clubs are only allowed to field two "imports" in local matches and three in internationals.



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England's 1-1 draw with Scotland in Glasgow last Saturday gave the world champions a berth in the quarterfinals of the European Championship. Their opponents will be Spain, holders of the title. Should England get through to the semifinals, and Italy eliminated, the semifinals and final will be played in England.

European Cup odds

These are the odds offered by leading English bookmakers for the European Champions' Cup: Real Madrid, Manchester United 6-1, Benfica 8-1, Vasas, Juventus 10-1, Eintracht Braunschweig 20-1, Sparta Prague 33-1, Gornik 50-1. Cupwinners' Cup prices are: AC Milan 3-1, Bayern Munchen 5-1, Torpedo Moscow 6-1, Hamburger SV 8-1, Valencia 20-1, Lyon 25-1, Standard Liege 25-1 and Cardiff City 100-1.

● Vasas Budapest wound up their South American tour with a 3-1 win over World Club champions, Racing, at Buenos Aires.

● Gianni Rivera played his 200th First Division match a fortnight ago when his team, Milan AC, beat Mantova 1-0.

● If Italy stages the finals of the European Championship in June, the semifinals will be played in Naples and Florence, and the final in Rome.

● Cyprus scored a shock 2-1 win over Switzerland in their last preliminary European Championship tie at Nicosia. The result had no bearing whatsoever as Italy have already won the group.

● Hamburger SV beat Lyon (France) 2-0 in the first leg of the European Cupwinners' Cup quarterfinals at Hamburg.

● The French Army defeated their British counterparts 1-0 in London last week.

● Valencia were held to a 1-1 by Bayern Munchen at home in the first leg of their quarterfinal of the Fair Cities' Cup.

● Gornik Zabrze, the Polish champions, held Torpedo Moscow to a scoreless draw in Tbilissi. Their star forward, Wilczek, suffered a serious injury during the game and had to be hospitalised.

Language war spreads

Belgium's bitter language war between the French-speaking Walloons and Dutch-speaking Flemish has spread to the soccer grounds. Riots have erupted in recent weeks at matches opposing teams from French-speaking Liege and Charleroi to Flemish opponents. The situation is so bad, especially regarding referees, who are accused of racial bias by both Walloons and Flemish, that the Belgian FA is seriously considering forcing every club to erect moats and wire fences around their pitches.

● Red Star Belgrade and Botafogo of Rio, Brazil, share the lead at the halfway mark of the six-team Mexico tournament.

● Israel defeated Switzerland 2-1 in Tel Aviv, then four days later lost 0-3 against Sweden.

● Universidad Catolica (Chile) beat Emelec (Ecuador) 2-1 in the South American Champions' Cup.

● MSV Duisburg, the West German Bundesliga club, will lose their Dutch forward, Van Haagen, next season. He has been offered \$28,000 to sign with Holland's Feyenoord.

● Vienna's traditional annual Easter tournament this year will feature Rapid, FK Austria, Eintracht Braunschweig and a still unnamed Hungarian club.

● Brazil won't play in France during their European tour in June. Their opponents will be West Germany in Frankfurt, Poland in Warsaw, Czechoslovakia in Prague, Yugoslavia at Belgrade and Portugal in Lisbon.

● Since the start of the season, FC Nurnberg's coach, Max Merkel, has been fined a total of \$380 for offensive behaviour from the sidelines during matches.

● Sekularac, the brilliant Yugoslav international forward, recently won \$2,500 in the Italian soccer pools.

Amnesty for Dutch stars

Theo Laseroms and Co Prins, the two Dutch internationals who defected to the American Professional League last year, thus incurring a life suspension by the Dutch FA, have been pardoned as a result of the merger of the two US rival leagues. Both players will return to Holland next season. Laseroms will join Feyenoord and Prins will play for Second Division Blauw Wit.

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Yardley shoots for record

Former St. George-Budapest centre-forward, George Yardley, who has made such a hit with Tranmere Rovers, has a better chance than any other player in the game of smashing his club's existing scoring record before the season's end. The target he has to aim at: "Bunny" Bell's 35 Third Division North goals in 1933-34. Yardley should be well capable of overhauling that.

Rappan may coach Benfica

The search for a successor to deposed Benfica coach, Fernando Riera, is arousing great speculation in Portugal. Top of the club's wanted list is Gornik Zabrze's Hungarian coach, Geza Kalocsai, with former Austrian international and long-serving national Swiss coach, Karl Rappan, currently manager of Lausanne Sports, flew into Lisbon recently for top level talks with the Benfica management. An announcement is expected this weekend.

Asian Youth Championship

The tenth Asian Youth Tournament will be staged in Seoul, South Korea, in April. The following countries are taking part: Japan, Nationalist China, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Burma, South Korea, Hong Kong, Philippines, South Vietnam, Singapore, Israel and Indonesia.

FA Cup draw

This is the draw for the fifth round of the English FA Cup: Everton v. Tranmere, Portsmouth v. Southampton, Arsenal v. Birmingham, Tottenham v. Liverpool, Rotherham v. Leicester, West Ham v. Sheffield United, Leeds v. Bristol or Middlesbrough, Sheffield Wednesday v. Chelsea. The round will be played on March 9.

SCOREBOARD

BELGIUM: Bruges v. Be-
los 1-0; Pierikos v. Panelfis-
veren Waas 1-0; Lierse v. naikos 1-1.
ITALY: Atalanta v. AS
An-
derlecht v. Beringen 2-0; Roma 2-1; Cagliari v. Man-
Waregem v. Racing White
tova 2-2; Fiorentina v. Bo-
0-0; Beerschot v. FC Liege
logna 1-0; Inter Milan v. Va-
3-0; Standard Liege v. Ant-
rese 1-0; Juventus v. Milan
werp 0-0; SC Charleroi v. FC AC 1-2; Vicenza v. Napoli
Malines 1-0; St. Trond v. 0-1; Sampdoria v. Brescia 1-0;
Daring Brussels 3-2.
FRANCE: St. Etienne v. PORTUGAL: Sanjoanense

Nice 3-1; Lens v. Rouen 2-1; Sporting Lisbon 0-3; Setu-
Nantes v. Valenciennes 0-2; bal v. Benfica 2-0; CUF v.
Bordeaux v. Red Star 1-0; Porto 2-1; Braga v. Academ-
Sedan v. Lyon 2-3; Metz v. ica 1-1; Leixoes v. Guimaraes
Rennes 6-1; Monaco v. An-
3-1; Belenenses v. Barreirens-
gers 5-0; Strasbourg v. Aix 4-1; Tirsense v. Varzim 2-0.
1-0; Sochaux v. Lille 2-1; Spal v. Torino 0-0.

SPAIN: Zaragoza v. Las
Marseille v. Ajaccio 2-0; Palmas 4-1; Real Sociedad v.
AEK 1-2; Panionios v. Espanol 0-1; Barcelona v.
Panzerairos v. Sabadell 3-1; Malaga v. Atle-
Olympiakos 0-0; PAOK v. tico Madrid 0-1; Real Madrid
Ethnikos 1-0; Apollon v. Aris v. Valencia 0-2; Pontevedra
1-0; Vizas v. Heraklis 0-0; v. Real Betis 1-1; Sevilla v.
Prodefiki v. Verria 0-0; Pan-
athinaikos v. Olympiakos Vo-
3-0.

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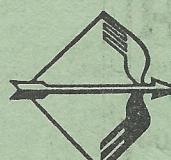
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Canberra needs ASF's help

The ACT Federation XI will play Queensland in Brisbane on March 10.

Faced with a drop in the standard of play and a downward trend in attendances, the Canberra clubs are hoping for a good showing in Brisbane to revive interest in the code.

The squad is being coached by the former JUST (Melbourne) coach, "Jim" Ecimovic, now with Croatia (ACT).

With the Department of Interior's announcement that the ACT's top sporting centre — Manuka Oval — is to have covered accommodation for 500-odd spectators in the next few weeks, soccer officials are talking of an all out bid for a regular Canberra game for touring teams.

Despite a successful staging of its only international game — ACT v. Chelsea — local supporters have been bitterly disappointed that they have been overlooked since.

With a current population of over 110,000 and an expected 250,000 in the next 14 years, locals are looking to the ACT to assist in giving the code a lift similar to that it experienced in 1965 when Chelsea delighted 3,500 spectators in a last minute midweek fixture.

— John Holland

Amazing SA swap

Seacliff-Austria and Birkalla have just completed one of the most amazing player exchange deals in the history of Australian soccer.

Austria have swapped four of their First Division players — Harry Jones, Bob McClellan, Joe Artz and Tod Clarke — for 19-year-old Terry Wetton.

A member of the SA Youth team in 1964, Wetton is a promising link-man who has a playing style remarkably similar to that of Juventus star, John Perin.

Wetton played his first game for Austria against Hellas last Friday night and was one of the best players afield.

The acquisition of Jones, McClellan, Artz and Clarke, will boost Birkalla's chances of promotion to First Division next year.

Jones and McClellan are former Birkalla players and Artz and Clarke are products of the strong Seacliff junior area.

Jones and McClellan are experienced men but still have many more games to play before they can be classified as veterans.

Artz, still a schoolboy, was a member of the Adelaide High Schools team which defeated the Sydney High Schools side in Adelaide last year, and is a State schoolboy sprint champion.

Clarke was SA Youth team goalkeeper in the 1967 Australian Championship played in Sydney.

In addition to the four players exchanged for Wetton, Austria also released 25 juniors to Birkalla.

Birkalla's promotion chances received a further boost with the appointment of 1967 SA Youth team coach Cliff Votier as their coach.

— A.C.

SLAVIA SHOULD MAKE AMPOL SEMIFINALS

— From BOB LOW —

Slavia and Hakoah will meet at Olympic Park on Friday night in the second semifinal of the Ampol Cup with the winner due to meet Croatia in the final on Friday March 8.

Slavia and Hakoah are two worthy contenders, both have played well in their previous games although the Port Melbourne side slipped somewhat against Croatia.

With a much more impressive cup record than of their opponents, Slavia are slightly favored.

With a formidable defence of Schroif, Livingstone, Randles, Reed, Cook their opponents, Slavia selectors may be tempted to switch Randles and Reed in an effort to improve the left-back position caused by the transfer of David High to Hellas.

In the Slavia attack, which is likely to be named from six players Savage, Kraus, Jurecki, Reid, Kerr and Rainey, the question is who will be omitted.

Savage was stood down in the last game but as a potential scorer could be recalled.

Whichever selection Slavia will make either in defence or attack, they will have a first class side and one which has few equals in the State League.

Hakoah who have made fewer changes than any other side in the Ampol Cup and are so far undefeated with one win and two draws, are also a well-knit and well-balanced side.

Unless Alan Stenhouse is reintroduced at wing-half their defence should be on these lines: O'Hara, Keith, O'Neill, Murney, Van Alphen and Baker.

In attack too, they should be on usual lines with the five coming from Fry, Armstrong, Petersen, Anderson, Smith, Conley and Purdie.

Hakoah have a score to settle with Slavia.

Last season the Port Melbourne side smashed their record of seven games without defeat by hammer-

ing them to the tune of 5-1.

Even so, I doubt if this in itself is a big enough incentive for the Middle Park side to break effectively through the Slavia barrier.

One thing about this

game: it will be played in the old tradition — straightforward soccer with no frills.

I tip Slavia to win for one main reason: they are less likely to crack under pressure than Hakoah.

Former St. George-Budapest winger, Alan Hillhouse, who was transferred for a fair fee to Lions in Melbourne early last year is up for transfer as he has returned to Sydney. Hillhouse never really settled in Melbourne and in fact in the last five games he played for Lions paid his own fare from Sydney to come here and play for the Essendon team. — Bob Low

Cook's tour of Melbourne

• Raymond King, the 19-year-old left-winger of JUST and a product of their juniors is up for transfer after having played a considerable number of excellent games in their first team in the past two seasons. Ray, a Scot, comes from Edinburgh.

• On trial with Wilhelmina last weekend was Chris Wissik, the Swan Athletic goalkeeper, who represented West Australia in the Merdeka competition last year.

• Terry Vowles, the Wilhelmina fullback who is now in Sydney should be a good capture for a NSW side needing a dependable defender. The powerfully built Englishman would have automatically clinched a regular first team place with Wilhelmina now back in the State League, had he stayed in Melbourne.

• Soccer has now been played for the past two weeks in near century temperatures. Yet the players of all the competing sides have not complained and in every game they have pulled out their best under most difficult conditions.

• Due to the prolonged century temperatures and the Ampol Cup commitments, it seems unlikely that the proposed full scale trial game between Victorian XI and a State League XI will take place before Victoria meets New South Wales. Unless, of course, the weather changes.

• Missing from the Juventus line-up in their last two games, forward Dino Di Marchi, a product of the Juventus juniors, had good reasons for his absence. He recently signed another contract and got married.

• The month-long coaching courses run by the Victorian Soccer Coaches Federation at Monash University have been acclaimed as a huge success by Ollie Norris, the technical director of coaching in Victoria. Norris is the former Middlesbrough, Bournemouth and Wilhelmina forward.

— Bob Low

Goals galore at Hindmarsh

Tall scoring was the order of the night last Friday when a tally of 17 goals were netted in two Ampol Cup games at Hindmarsh.

In near century heat, WA Hellas crushed Austria 6-0 and Victoria defeated Beograd 7-4.

Victoria, the only team in the competition unhampered by defensive tactics, made their usual whirlwind start to be two goals up after four minutes.

Beograd, stung by the early reversal, fought back to level with only 10 minutes of the game gone.

Beograd's all-attacking style provided entertaining soccer, but two bad defensive lapses gave Jimmy Wright a gift goal and then Bob Huider conceded a penalty.

Beograd reduced the deficit through young Mijia Marusic just before half time.

Both teams were expected to wilt in the second term but surprisingly Victoria

kept up the pressure to outlast their younger opponents.

Victoria, with Peter McKenzie tireless in attack, overran Beograd to score three more goals.

A goal from Alex Zervas after five minutes and a superb long shot from Billy Birch a minute later gave Hellas a commanding start against Austria.

Despite the heat, Austria were eager and energetic and didn't deserve to be trailing by two goals at that stage.

However, Birch hit home another goal before half time.

Hellas were untroubled to double their score in the second half with Alec Byrne netting two and Birch completing his hat trick.

— Allan Crisp

Adelaide program

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7.30 p.m. Beograd v. USC Lion

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LATIN STARS SPARKLE THE BRIGHTEST

— By PAUL DEAN —

One of the popular pastimes of soccer writers all over the world is the annual game of selecting the world's best players and teams.

Obviously, the choices vary a great deal and subjective feelings often blur objectivity.

Perhaps the most widely accepted such "world teams" have been Eric Batty's, published towards the end of each year in the London "World Soccer."

I have made a survey of his "teams" since they were first published in December 1960 — eight years, all told.

These were his teams:

1960: Grosics; Bergmark, Santamaria, N. Santos; Blanchflower, Bonga; Bonga; Kubala, Pele, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento.

1962: Fraydl; D. Santos, Germano, Jusufi; Zito, Masopust; Garrincha, Pele, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento.

1963: Yachin; D. Santos, Maldini, Jusufi; Coluna, Baxter; Kopa, Pele, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento.

1964: Yachin; Burgnich, Popluhar, Faccetti; Coluna, Masopust; Augusto, Pele, Di Stefano, Law, Suarez.

1965: Costa Pereira; D. Santos, Germano, Faccetti; Coluna, Orlando; Augusto, Mazzola, Eusebio, Pele, Suarez.

1966: Yachin; Chalamanov, Beckenbauer, Faccetti; Goncalvez, Coluna; Yakimov, Pele, Bene, Farkas, Corso.

1967: Yachin; Coluna, Popluhar, Faccetti; Beckenbauer, Meszoly; Bene, Mazzola, Hurst, Yakimov, Farkas.

Of course, some of Batty's selections were surprising; like naming Beckenbauer at stopper, Meszoly at wing-half, Coluna at fullback, etc. — but I don't want to argue these points.

In all probabilities, he simply had to find room in his team for some of the players and so switched them into positions where they seldom, if ever, play.

Adding up the "votes," this would be Batty's World XI over the 1960-67 period:

Yachin; D. Santos, Germano, Faccetti; Coluna, Masopust; Augusto, Pele, Di Stefano, Puskas, Gento (or Suarez).

One of the most remarkable features of his listings is that only one Englishman has ever been selected for the eight years: Geoff Hurst.

The fact that Batty is an ardent admirer of Ron Greenwood, coach of West Ham United and that Hurst is the West Ham spearhead may have influenced his views.

Batty included in his 1960 team Ante Zanetic, then with Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia — and at present coach of Sydney Croatia.

Some players, well known if not world famous, have missed out altogether: Gilmar in goal, Marzolini, Matrai and Schnellinger at fullback, Moore at half, Hamrin, Didi, Amarildo, Bobby Charlton, Albert,

— Charles Spiteri

THE WORLD CAN'T DO WITHOUT A CELTIC...

Jock Stein, the manager behind Celtic's fabulous rise to the top in European soccer last season, is interviewed here by Marcel Gillot for "France Football," the French magazine which "invented" the European Champions' Cup.

As a background to the interview that follows a rundown on Stein's career would not go amiss.

Stein, 46, started life as a miner. In 1951 he joined Celtic as a centre-half from Second Division Albion Rovers.

Seriously injured at the ankle, he hung up his boots and moved to Dunfermline as coach.

In 1964 he managed Hibernians, and in February 1965 returned to Celtic, whose fortunes were at a low ebb and living in the shadow of bitter rivals, Rangers.

The rest is now history...

Question: To what do you attribute the phenomenal, unprecedented successes achieved by Celtic last season?

Answer: Primarily to the splendid physical condition of every player. I am a passionate physical fitness crank, and I've instilled this notion into every one of my players.

Most of our training sessions are directed towards maintaining and improving condition. Athletics and weight-lifting are compulsory at each training. My players, however, are not Trappist monks. They drink and smoke like everybody else, but moderately. I believe one must mix pleasure with hard work and I encourage the players to relax socially as much as they can between training. I also feel that our position at the top of the Scottish league right at the start of the 1966-67 season helped a lot subsequently. Celtic was the team to beat. Every opponent wanted to lick us and played the match of their lives against us. This, in turn, forced our players to give the best of themselves, not only against Rangers or Hibernians or Hearts as in the past, but every week against every opponent. This tremendous will to always win undoubtedly paved the way for our European Cup victory.

Roger Bamforth, Banks-town's centre-forward, spearheaded the Combined XI attack, which although they only got together two weeks ago, functioned very effectively.

It was Bamforth who opened the score when he drove home a hard shot in the 30th minute.

The Papuans counter-attacked and in the 37th minute Michael Dobbin equalized.

However, the locals struck back and only three minutes later Bamforth drew the opposing goalkeeper out to beat him with a well-placed shot to lead 2-1 at halftime.

After the resumption, Michael Dobbin, one of the best forwards in the touring side, nearly scored, but it was the home team that went further ahead with a goal by Carruthers (Balownie) in the 68th minute.

Peter Pont (Western Suburbs) increased the locals' lead further in the 80th minute, but three minutes later Matthew Raka converted a perfect pass from the right flank to bring the score to a final 4-2.

NSW XI: Jones; Jamieson, Campbell; Okorn, Bijkerk, McKnight; Giacometti, Madden, Bamforth, Carruthers, Pont.

Papua-New Guinea: Soweni; Hobart, Sili; Kuteu, Kau, Oliva; Dulaiha, Dobbin, Raka, Kumala, Samsden.

Q: Your tip for this year's European Champions Cup?

Jock Stein speaks

A: Juventus or Real Madrid will succeed Celtic in 1968. If they meet before the final, then I think Vasas of Hungary or Benfica will qualify for the final.

Q: After your successes with Celtic, wouldn't the post of Scottish national team manager tempt you?

A: Not in the least. That post is the hottest seat in British soccer. Scotland's national team is at the mercy of the English clubs, where many of our top players operate. We are no longer the masters of our own soccer destiny in Scotland. The Scottish national team also doesn't play enough internationals for the position of team manager to be satisfying. I don't feel there's anything worthwhile I can achieve with players I only see four or five times a year. I prefer to look after young players who are keen to learn rather than established ones on a higher level.

Q: Your opinion on refereeing?

A: I have no complaints generally. As far as I am concerned, the referee is the only boss on the field. If players made as few mistakes as referees, the standard of play everywhere would reach fabulous heights.

Q: Why has it taken Scottish soccer so long to re-emerge as a world force?

A: Scots are among the world's greatest traditionalists. They abhor radical changes. For decades we rested on our laurels, convinced that Scottish soccer was still the best in the world, though there was nothing in our results to suggest this. In the past few years, however, we've started learning from abroad and have assimilated European and South American methods. At present I would say that

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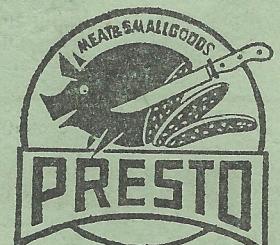
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